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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action received June 18, 2002. The Office Action has been carefully considered, and Applicants have the following comments.

A clean version of the amended claims is now provided.

In the claims:

1. A method of treating a pathological condition in a mammal comprising the step of administering to a mammal in need thereof a pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising a synthetic FXR ligand able to stimulate, block, or inhibit the activity of a mammalian FXR receptor, said synthetic FXR ligand comprising a compound of the formula

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